

Nueces Bay Circulation Monitoring



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Goals

- Gather 1 year of circulation data in upper Nueces Bay using tilt current meters (TCMs)
- Create visualizations and summaries of the data and compose a final project report

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Timeline

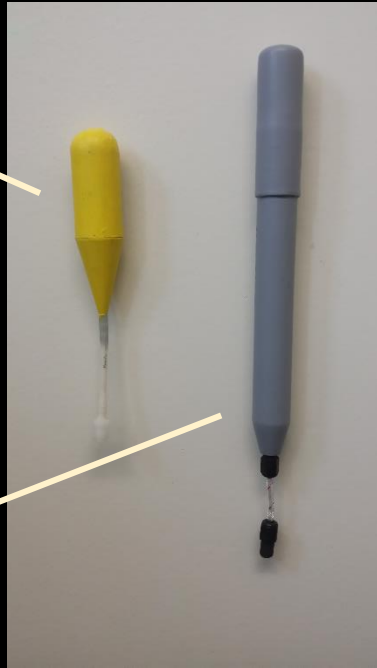
2016 Mar–Jun	  	Project start Scout potential monitoring station locations Purchase necessary number of tilt meters
2016 Jun		Begin continuous monitoring of currents
2016 Jun–2017 Jul		Maintain current meter array and data collection
2017 Jul–2018 Aug		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare final report• Present results to NEAC• Submit final report and visualization products• Submit monitoring data and metadata

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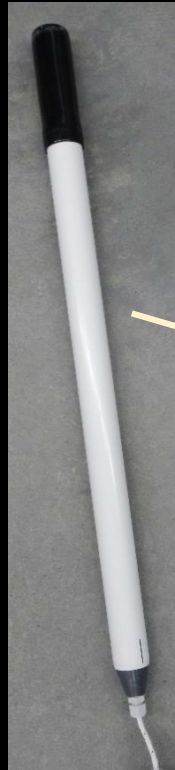
Tilt Meters

10 cm-long x 6
(4 deployed)

25 cm-long x 7
(4 deployed)



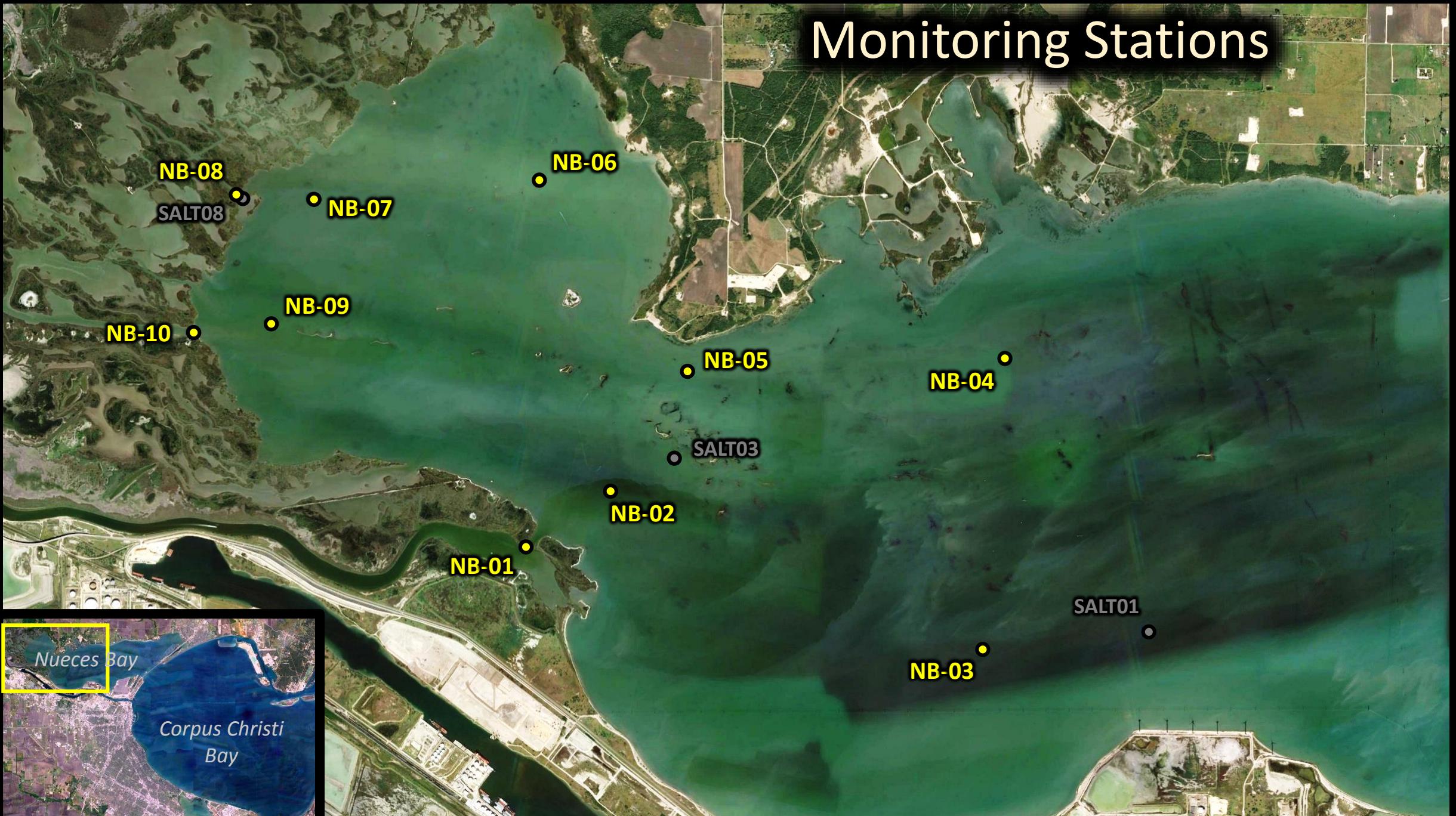
50 cm-long
(2 deployed)



Deployment Setup

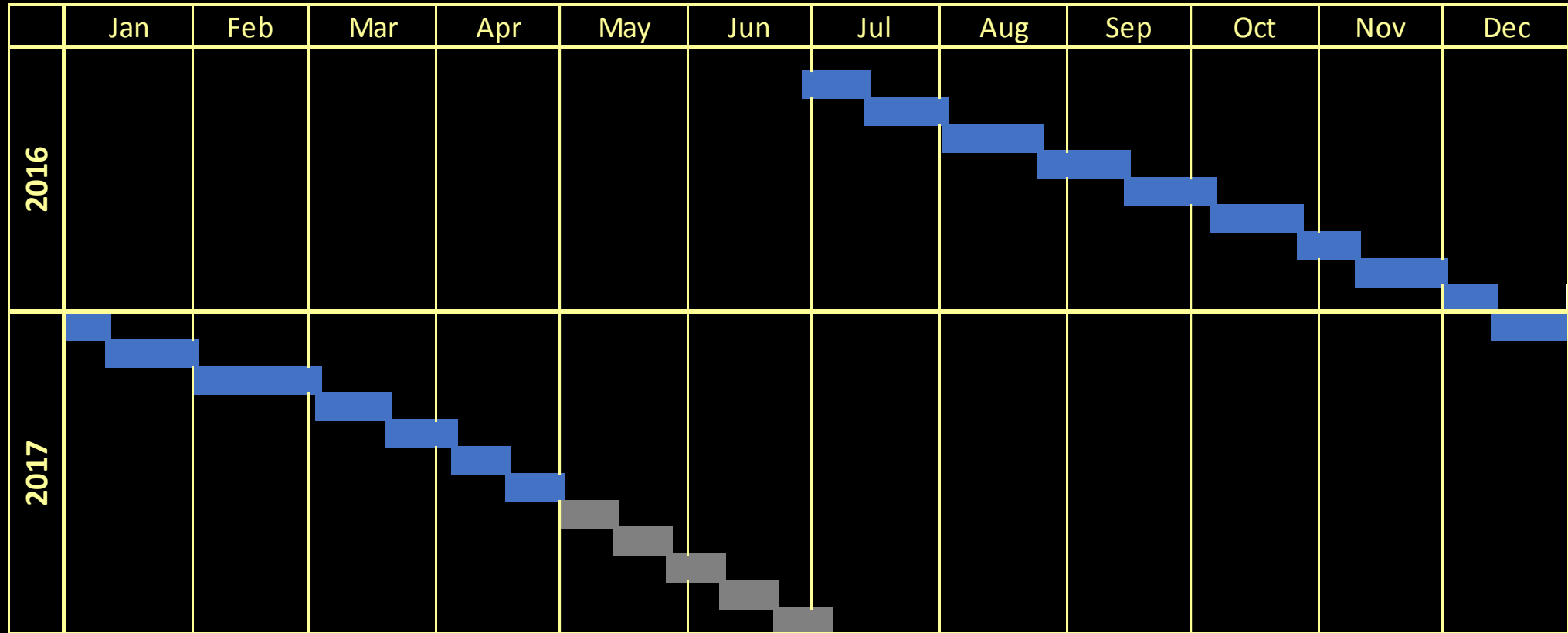


Monitoring Stations



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Sample Schedule



Deployments:



Past/present



Planned

Tilt Meter Retrieval and Re-Deployment



STEP 1: Use precision grapple hooking skills to snag meter line



STEP 2: Pull meter and plenty of mud onto boat; scrape fouling off of meter; offload data

Tilt Meter Retrieval and Re-Deployment



STEP 3: Feed meter into deployment pole; use pole to push meter stake into sediment



STEP 4: Run line from meter to brick; mark location on GPS



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